



Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) and Sewer Backups

WHAT IS FOG?

- ◆ FOG is fats, oils, and grease that can build up in the sewer lines. When grease is washed down the sink or toilet it coats and sticks to the inside of sewer pipes

WHY IS FOG A PROBLEM?

- ◆ Sewer pipes can become clogged by FOG and cause backups into homes, roadways, and water bodies. Sewer backups create health hazards, can result in expensive property damage, and threaten the environment



Grease clog in a sewer pipe

WHERE DOES FOG COME FROM?

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| ◆ Meat Fats (bacon, sausage) | ◆ Baking products |
| ◆ Lard | ◆ Milk, ice cream, yogurt, sour cream |
| ◆ Cooking Oil | ◆ Cream based sauces |
| ◆ Butter or margarine | ◆ Salad dressings, cheeses, mayonnaise |
| ◆ Food scraps | |

KEEP THESE FOODS OUT OF ALL DRAINS!

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS?

- ◆ NEVER pour grease down sink drains or toilets



- ◆ Dispose of cooled cooking fats, oils, and grease into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage
- ◆ Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Foods containing FOG can get caught in the plumbing and cause sewer backups
- ◆ Use baskets or strainers in sinks to catch food scraps. Empty scraps into the trash can



- ◆ Scrape food scraps from dishes and pans into the trash can for disposal before washing
- ◆ DO NOT use the toilet for disposal of food scraps, sanitary items, rags, cloths, or towels

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Liquid dish detergents that claim to dissolve grease may actually pass grease down the sewer line, which could cause a sewer backup. It is important to scrape grease off all dishes

PREVENTING SEWER BACKUPS PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SAVES EVERYONE MONEY

- ◆ Grease related blockages can:
 - Cause the sewer to backup into your home through sinks, drains, and toilets
 - Cause backup of sewer into streets, parks, yards, and waterways causing a public health risk and environmental concern



Avoid Sewer Backups in Your Home!

- ◆ Raw sewage contains disease causing organisms that can be harmful to children, adults, and pets
- ◆ Clean up and repairs for damage caused by sewer backups are expensive, unhealthy, and unpleasant
- ◆ FOG related grease blockages increases operation and maintenance costs resulting in higher sewer bills for all

HELP US CEASE THE GREASE!

